

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-40 are pending. Claims 1-40 stand rejected. No claim has been canceled. Claims 1, 3-4, 7-8, 10, 15-17, 20-22, 30, and 34 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 15, 17-20, 29-31, and 34-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,497,339 of Bernard ("Bernard") in view of published U.S. Patent Application 20010056504 of Kuznetsov ("Kuznetsov"). Claims 4, 7, 8-14, 21-28, and 39-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bernard in view of Kuznetsov and U.S. Patent No. 5,704,029 of Wright ("Wright"). Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bernard in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,825,353 of Will ("Will"). Claims 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bernard in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,163,274 of Lindgren ("Lindgren").

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-40 are patentable over the cited references. Specifically, independent claim 1 recites as follows:

1. A method of interfacing with a communication station, the method comprising:
receiving semi-structured data from a personal digital assistant (PDA) in a format native to the PDA;
parsing the semi-structured data to identify a type of the semi-structured data;
sending data to a destination indicated by the semi-structured data, if the type of the semi-structured data is destination data, the data being distinct from the semi-structured data and provided by a source other than the PDA.

(Emphasis added)

Independent claim 1 includes receiving semi-structured data from a PDA, parsing the semi-structured data to determine the type of the semi-structured data (e.g., email address, fax number, etc.), and sending data to a destination indicated by the semi-structured data where the data is distinct from the semi-structured data and the data is provided from a source other than the PDA. It is respectfully submitted that the above limitations are absent from the cited references, individually or in combination.

In contrast, Bernard relates to a portable apparatus for providing multiple integrated communication media (e.g., modem or GPS, etc.) Bernard's system includes a PDA and a

communication device that is connected to the PDA (Fig. 2; col. 3, lines 10-23). The communication device provides phone, GPS, and similar functionality, as shown in Fig. 4 of Bernard. Basically, the communication device of Bernard converts or relays the information from the PDA to one of the communication interface.

However, it is respectfully submitted that Bernard fails to disclose or suggest receiving semi-structured data from a PDA, where the semi-structured data indicates a destination of a recipient and sending data to the destination indicated by the semi-structured data received from the PDA, where the data is distinct from the semi-structured data received from the PDA and the data is provided from a source other than the PDA. That is, the data being sent may not be received from the PDA and only the destination information is received from the PDA. The data, for example, may be a part of a document reproduced by a document reproduction system (e.g., a copier), as recited in claim 3. The data may be sent via an email or fax as recited in claim 6.

In addition, the destination information may include multiple destinations and the user is prompted to select one or more destination from the multiple destinations, as recited in claim 4. In the Office Action, the Examiner contends that Wright teaches prompting a user to fill in one or more fields. However, the fields being filled in Wright are not destinations where data is sent, particularly, not the destinations that are received from a PDA where the data distinct from the semi-structured data received from the PDA is sent.

Furthermore, according to certain embodiments, the semi-structured data may be a part of a search request or a retrieving command that would conduct a search or retrieve information from a location and send the retrieved information to a destination indicated by a user, as recited in claims 7 and 10.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references (e.g., Bernard, Kuznetsov, Wright, Will, and/or Lindgren) discloses or suggests the above discussed limitations. There is no suggestion within the cited references for combining the cited references. Even if they were combined, such a combination still lacks the limitations set forth above. Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.

Similarly, independent claims 15, 30, and 34 include limitations similar to those discussed above. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, claims 15, 30, and 34 are patentable over the cited references.

Given that claims 2-14, 16-29, 31-33, and 35-40 depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-14, 16-29, 31-33, and 35-40 are also patentable over the cited references.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

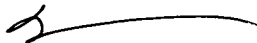
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